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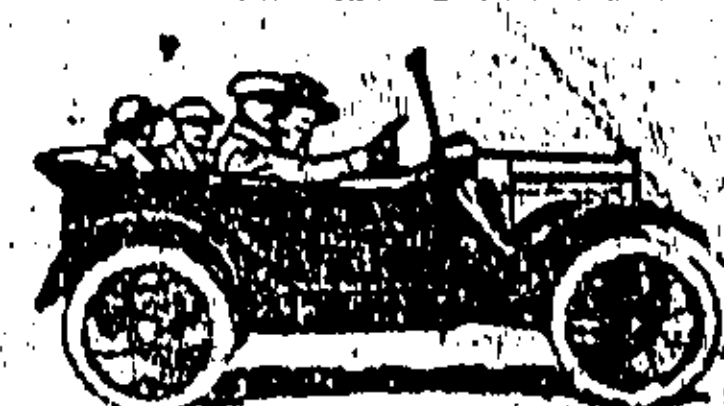
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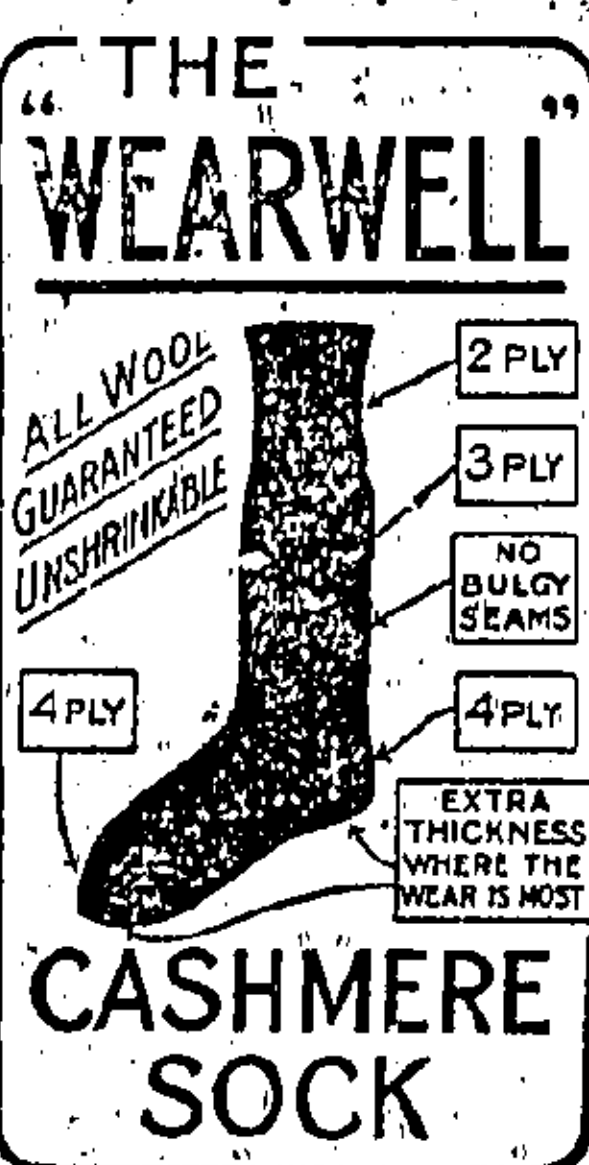
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## BRITAIN AND GERMANY. COMMERCIAL TREATY RATIFIED. FAVOURABLE TREATMENT. Immense Mutual Benefits Expected.

By the ratification of the Commercial Treaty between Britain and Germany, the trade of both countries should benefit considerably, thereby tending to restore normal conditions in Europe at any rate. Reuter has cabled a summary of the terms as follows:

**Five Years' Agreement.**  
The text of the Anglo-German Commercial Treaty has now been published. The treaty will remain in force for five years and replaces—with modifications—the treaty entered into in 1898.  
It secures for British subjects, and companies "national" treatment in Germany in respect of taxation and shipping, except possibly as regards the coasting trade.

**New Legislation.**  
As the basis of the Treaty is "most favoured" nation treatment, legislation must be passed in Great Britain, removing the war-time disability of German citizens and companies in respect to their engaging in non-ferrous metal industries and banking in the United Kingdom; legislation is also necessary with regard to the employment of German seamen on British ships.

**Impediments Removed.**  
The great mass of prohibitions on the importation of goods to Germany, which has impeded British trade, will by this means be swept away. The "most favoured nation" clauses will be interpreted in the most liberal spirit.

**No Discrimination.**  
Both parties agree to abstain from using their respective tariffs as a means of discrimination; both will adopt the provisions of international conventions in trade and shipping, concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations—notably the Barcelona Treaty. The Geneva Treaty applies only

to the United Kingdom, but the right to adhere to the Treaty is accorded to the British Dominions, India, the British Colonies, British Protectorates and British mandated territories, whose goods shall enjoy "most favoured nation" treatment in Germany. But, the German Government is empowered to withdraw this privilege in respect to anywhere in the British Empire which has not adhered to the treaty before September 1, 1926.

**RULER OF SUDAN.**  
**SIR GEOFFREY ARCHER APPOINTED.**  
(Reuter's Service.)  
CAIRO, December 4.  
Sir Geoffrey Archer has been appointed Governor-General of the Sudan, in succession to the late Major-General Sir Lee Stack.

**A Fine Record.**  
[Note: Sir Geoffrey Francis Archer, was created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1920 and Companion of St. Michael and St. George in 1915. He has been Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Uganda since 1922. He was born in 1882, the second son of Mr. Bradley Archer, of Somers Place, Hyde Park W. He married Olive Mary Godman, eldest daughter of Colonel Charles Bulkeley Godman of Woldingfold, Herts. In 1902 he entered the Colonial Civil Service as Assistant Collector of the East Africa Protectorate. He was attached to the Secretariat of the District Commissioner in 1907; and was also Officer-in-charge of the Northern Frontier in 1911. In 1912 he was sent to Somaliland to administer the Government, became Deputy Commissioner of Somaliland in 1913, and Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief in 1914. He was present at the action at Shimer Berris in 1915 and was awarded the African General Service medal and clasp. He was also a member of the British Mission at the Coronation of the Empress Zauditu of Abyssinia and was created first Class of the Order of the Star of Ethiopia. In 1918 he was awarded the Cuthbert Peak Grant by the Royal Geographical Society for surveys in East Africa, connecting Major Gwynn's Abyssinian triangulation with the triangulation of East Africa. He was made Governor in 1919. He directed operations against Millah in 1920, resulting in the destruction of the Dervish power in Somaliland.]

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

MR. MELLON IN REPORT TO CONGRESS.

STILL LESS TAXATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 4.  
Mr. Andrew Mellon, United States Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report to Congress, predicted several years of prosperous and healthy conditions in the United States, such as succeeded the 1896 election.  
He explained that his prediction was based on the fact that the verdict of Americans was overwhelmingly against "various systems inconsistent with economic laws."

**Great War Recovery.**  
He added that the United States was the first nation to come through the post-war transition stage with success, but America's commerce and industry must maintain its anchor to windward in future world trade; for, as America had recovered, so now was Europe becoming stabilised, thanks to the Dawes plan.

"Although it was true the improved situation in Europe would benefit the United States, Mr. Mellon gave warning that cheaper production and lower standards of living abroad would compel closer calculation on the part of America to meet competition in the world's markets. The past four years had witnessed a cut in the per capita tax in the United States from 54 to 27 dollars; while public expenditure, which in 1920 exceeded \$650,000,000 had been reduced, during the past year, to \$350,000,000.  
Forecasting a further tax reduction, Mr. Mellon declared the reductions already effected had been of great service to business. He uttered a warning against utilisation of the field of taxation as a "field for socialistic experiment or as club to punish success."

## CAR VS. TRAM.

Motor car No. 1483 was considerably damaged in a collision with a tramcar at Des Vaux Road West yesterday. Fortunately no persons were injured.

## STOP PRESS. PLOT TO KILL. ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY.

CABINET IN DANGER.  
Sensational Report From Egypt.

(Reuter's Service.)  
London, December 4.  
A sensational story is published in the "Daily Mail" to the effect that a plot has been discovered to assassinate prominent members of the Cabinet.  
News of the conspiracy is supposed to have reached the Government in a despatch from Lord Allenby.

The receipt of the news is said to have been followed by a special meeting of the Cabinet.  
This was succeeded by a conference of police chiefs who arranged elaborate measures for protection of Cabinet Ministers.  
They gave instructions to armed detectives to act drastically if necessary.

[This cable is delivered with an intimation that a correction is to follow. Until that correction arrives it will be impossible to say definitely which Cabinet is meant. Meanwhile we are to assume that it is the London Cabinet, both from the wording of the cable and from the fact that the plot would hardly be directed against the Egyptian Cabinet. However, the whole message is so unsatisfactory that only the mention of Lord Allenby's name gives it any relation at all to the trouble in Egypt. The actual message received by the "China Mail" reads:—Sensational story published Daily Mail effect plot discovered assassinate prominent Cabinet members news conspiracy which supposed Government in despatch exalting receipt whereof followed by special meeting cabinet succeeded conference police chiefs who arranged elaborate measures protection gave instructions armed detectives act drastically if necessary.]

## "UNFRIENDLY ACT." Egypt And Disarmament Protocol.

BRITAIN SENDS NOTE.

LONDON'S "SPECIAL RELATIONS" WITH CAIRO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, December 4.  
Great Britain, on November 19, sent a Note to the Secretariat of the League of Nations referring to the resolution of the Assembly of October 2, which held that the Disarmament Protocol was open to the signature of non-members of the League.

**"Special Relations."**  
As the terms of the resolution might suggest the communication of the Protocol to Egypt, the Note recalls the British notification of 1922 to the other Powers, on the subject of the special Anglo-Egyptian relations and which are defined in the declaration recognising Egyptian independence, which relations vitally involve the rights and interests of the British Empire, and therefore any attempt at interference with affairs in Egypt by another Power would be regarded as an unfriendly act.

The Note says that His Majesty's Government is consequently unable to admit that the Protocol, if signed by Egypt, would enable the Egyptian Government to invoke the intervention of the League of Nations in the settlement of matters absolutely reserved to the discretion of His Majesty's Government.

Note is Circulated.  
The Secretary-General replied enquiring whether the British Government intended that the Note should be circulated to those Powers to whom the Protocol had been sent; and a reply was received on December 3, stating that this was the British Government's desire, and the Note was accordingly so circulated.

## RACE AGAINST TIME.

"HUICHOW'S" EVENTFUL VOYAGE.  
CHIEF OFFICER'S WEDDING.  
Arrival Here With An Hour To Spare.

Vessels arriving in Hongkong still report encounters with heavy seas and particular interest attaches to the plucky fight made by the "Huichow" in its successful endeavour to make the port before the time fixed for the wedding to-day of Chief Officer A. L. Jones.

This boat, which belongs to the China Navigation Co., Weihsaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin service, left Hongkong about four weeks ago. It has had rather an eventful voyage and it had been suggested that the Chief Officer with his "important engagement" in Hongkong had acted as the "Jonah" of the company aboard.

The wedding was originally fixed for a week ago but the "Huichow" got on a sandbank at

Taku Bar when leaving Tientsin and there it had to remain for three days until sufficient cargo had been discharged for it to be refloated. The reason for the groundings appears to have been that more water was reported on the bank than actually was there but with the heavy sea running this could be gauged only approximately.

Luck was against the boat again at Weihaiwei where it had to put in for a couple of days owing to the very heavy sea, encountered and the shallow nature of the sea bed there which would have made a further continuance of the voyage dangerous.

The ship eventually won its race against time with an hour to spare and Chief Officer Jones and his bride who has been awaiting him in Hongkong after a voyage out from Wales, were married at the Union Church this morning, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiating. The Captain gave the bride away and the Second Officer acted as best man.

**Heavy Weather.**  
Reports from other ships arriving in Hongkong regarding their voyages are:—  
"Celtic Prince" (from Shanghai); very strong N.E. winds and a rough sea.  
"Hop Sang" (from Swatow); to the North Reef moderate monsoon, North Reef to Swatow, very strong monsoon.  
"Hanoi" (from Fort Bayard); fresh monsoon.  
"Tijlwoong" (from Balikpapan); China Sea very stormy.  
"Taikai" (from Tegal); very bad strong N.E. and N.E. wind.

—H.K.J.C.

## BODY OF STEWARDS IS STRENGTHENED.

[By Argus.]

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, the election of Stewards was among the items on the agenda. By the election of Mr. D. M. Ross and Sir Henry Pollock the body is now complete.

The selection of Mr. Ross is an especially happy one as his knowledge of matters racing gained in many parts of the world is second to none. When he was here before, he was a prominent member of the "Racing Board of Control" and to him is due, to a large extent, many of the improvements with regard to the conduct of the totalisator and cash sweeps. Now he has again consented to take office—he refused to be co-opted to fill a vacancy—the racing public can look forward to further improvements being introduced.

The addition of Sir Henry Gollan will strengthen the legal knowledge of the Body and it is to be hoped will aid Lieut.-Col. Hall Brutton and his confreres in drafting a set of rules that will be fool proof—or at any rate that will not run counter to each other.

The Stewards, in alphabetical order, now are: Sir Paul Chater, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. H. Birkett, Lieut.-Col. Hall Brutton, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. D. M. Ross, Mr. E. P. White.

## MARRIED.

OIL KING WEDS AT REGISTRY OFFICE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 4.  
Sir Henri Wilhelm Deterding, director-general of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., and director of the Shell Transport and Trading Co., was married to-day to Mrs. Lydia Bagration, a Russian lady. The marriage took place at a London registry office.

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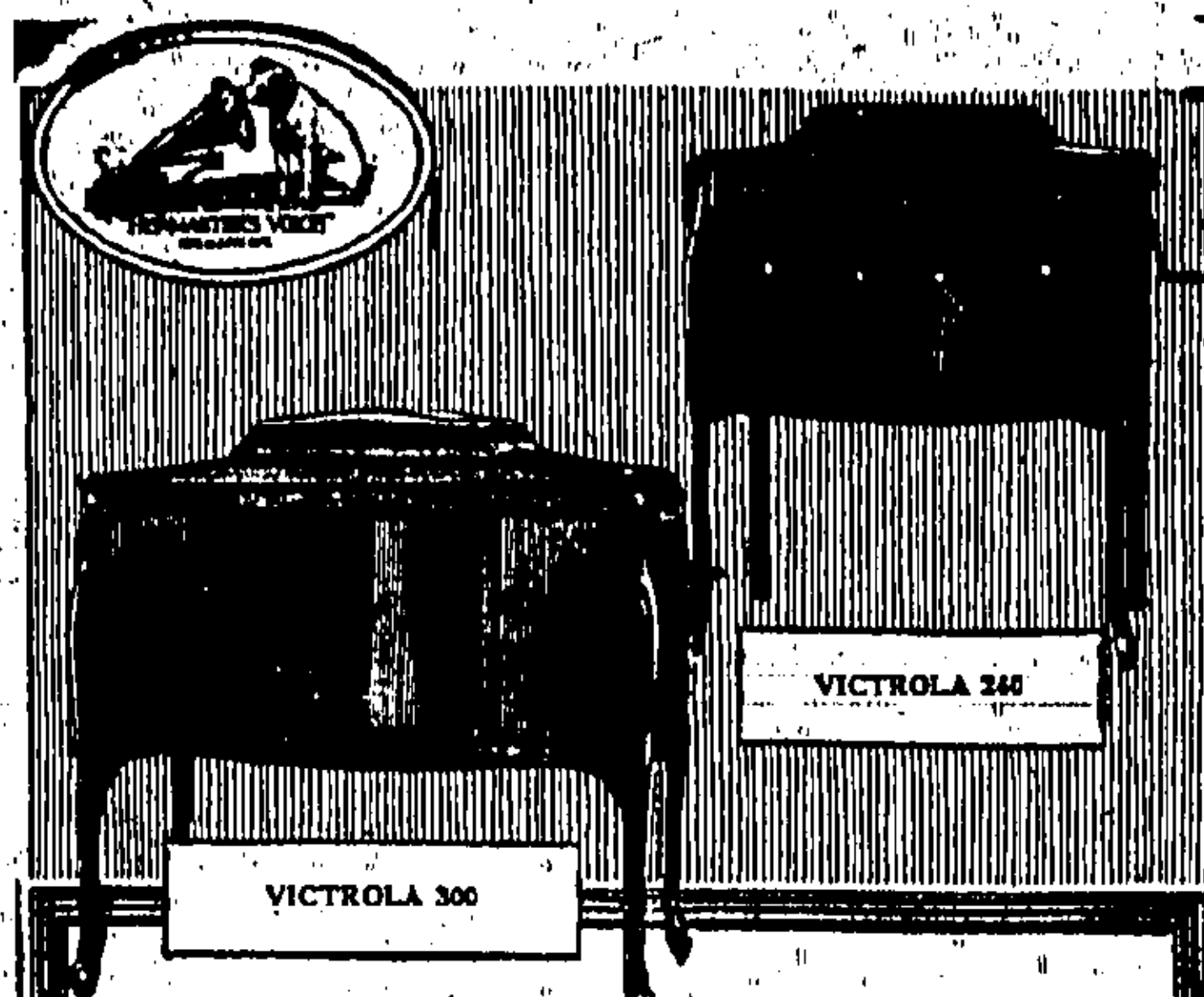
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**BIRTH.**

**VAN RENSSLAER-SMITH.**—  
On October 25, at 9, Eldon-  
road, W.8, wife of Kiliaen van  
Rensselaer-Smith, of Tokyo,  
daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**

**RODEN.**—**MCDONALD.**—On Oc-  
tober 11, in the Cathedral,  
Antigua, Robin Roden, of  
Gemenchi Est., Batang  
Malaka, F.M.S., to Lorna,  
only daughter of Jack and  
Edith McDonald, of Antigua,  
B.W.I.

**YATES.**—**HOWARD.**—On Oc-  
tober 23, at Dumfries, Gordon  
Yates, Sutton Court, Sutton-  
at-Hone, Kent, and Hongkong,  
to Frances Margaret Guthrie,  
elder daughter of William  
Howard, Castle-Douglas.

Hongkong, Friday, Dec. 5, 1924.

**HELP THE S.P.C.A.**

The statement by Sir Henry  
Pollock, at last night's meeting of  
the Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Animals, that Canton  
is forming a similar society, is  
most reassuring. It is reassuring  
in view of the correspondence that  
has appeared recently in the local  
press, protesting against certain  
aspects of the proposed Cruelty to  
Animals Bill to be presented to  
the Legislative Council. Many of

the Chinese writers in the Press  
appeared to be obsessed with the  
idea that the new legislation was  
intended to swell the Treasury  
funds, as it would enable a magis-  
trate to inflict fines for so many  
more breaches of what the Law  
considers cruelty. As pointed out  
by Sir Henry, the object of the  
Society all along has been to  
educate the Chinese and not to  
prosecute except in very serious  
cases. During the past year,  
cruelty to animals has consid-  
erably decreased owing to the edu-  
cational propaganda carried out by  
the Society. That this propaganda  
has proved a telling factor in  
arousing the right spirit in  
Canton is borne out in many ways  
and is indeed a healthy sign.  
Apart from preventing, as far as  
possible, cruelty to animals in any  
shape or form, the Society does  
an immense amount of good in  
finding homes for dogs and cats  
that are cast out by heartless  
owners. Of course it is impossible  
to provide homes indefinitely for  
all the "strays," but those that  
have to be put out of their misery,  
meet a painless death in the lethal  
chamber at the Government  
Laboratory.

With regard to the financing of  
the work, the Society has at times  
found it difficult to make both ends  
meet. Through the generosity of  
Lady Clara Ho Tung, however, a  
sum of \$10,000 has been placed on  
mortgage to constitute an endow-  
ment fund. The Hongkong Jockey  
Club has again donated \$1,000,  
while Mr. M. J. Patell continues  
his generous gift of \$300 towards  
the feeding of the dogs in the  
Home. The Government has  
kindly promised to contribute \$2  
for \$1 collected by the Society in  
subscriptions or donations up to a  
sum of \$5,000 per annum. It will  
thus be seen that every subscriber  
of one dollar is virtually giving  
three dollars to the Society. That  
funds are badly needed if the  
Society is to continue its good  
work goes without saying, but we  
feel confident the need has only  
to be made more widely known  
for the community to meet it with  
its accustomed generosity.

Our leader praising "The Thief  
of Bagdad" has been criticised "in  
a contemporary" by a contributor.

Since the "China Mail" has not  
been honoured with these "candid  
impressions" we do not propose to  
deal with the points they raise.  
However, we would correct one  
gross error the "Daily Press"  
contributor commits either be-  
cause he is a careless reader or  
because he is too anxious to be  
smart. His error relates to our  
leader of November 20 which we  
would recommend him to read  
again. Perhaps after doing that  
he will feel sufficiently ashamed to  
apologize.

**Our Lady Cricketers.**

Although the "certain disabili-  
ties" which will be imposed on the  
gentlemen in the Ladies' v. Gentle-  
men match to-day have not so far  
been enumerated they are bound  
to have an element of humour in  
them. Broomsticks and left hand  
bowling disabilities reminiscent of  
scenes at home have not so far  
been mentioned, maybe because  
the form displayed by the fair  
exponents of the game at the nets  
has been too good to justify any  
great handicapping of the team  
which will oppose them, among  
which will be several players who  
have not wielded the willow for  
some considerable time. The  
result of the game will be interest-  
ing, for it will be able to be  
gauged whether the neglect of  
active participation on the part of  
the fair sex in a game, which they  
dearly love watching, is due to  
inadaptability of body and muscle  
or simply to lack of opportunity.  
The result will simply need to be  
compared with that of the  
Cricketers v. Baseballers match  
which took place in Hongkong a  
short time ago when men essayed  
to play cricket who had never  
before had a bat in their hands  
and had in many cases never even  
watched a game in their lives or  
had acquaintance with its ele-  
mentary rules. Allowance will  
certainly have to be made for the  
stronger nature of the opposition,  
but then the cricketers loaned a  
couple of their bowlers on that  
occasion. If the ladies' team  
proves victorious would it be too  
much to anticipate the formation  
of a H.K. Ladies' Cricket Club,  
with rigid rules for the exclusion  
of all men folk from the sacred  
precincts of the pavilion?

**Exit Zagul.**

The British Note presented to  
the Egyptian Government in con-  
nection with the murder of Sir  
Lee Stack, the Sirdar, in Egypt,  
has now been fully complied with.  
Briefly, the Note demanded a  
proper apology, an indemnity of  
£500,000, prohibition of political  
demonstrations, and the immediate  
withdrawal of all Egyptian officers  
and units from the Sudan. It will  
be recalled, in connection with the  
last demand, that Zagul Pasha, as  
Premier, protested that compli-  
ance therewith would "break the  
status quo and be contrary to the  
Constitution by which King Fuad  
is Commander-in-Chief of the  
Egyptian Army. By the death of  
the Sirdar, Egypt has lost a friend,  
but his untimely end does not  
appear to have been in any way  
directly due to extremist views  
held by Zagul Pasha. It is true  
that ever since the Declaration of  
Independence of 1922, Zagul's  
influence has made of Egypt a  
hot-bed of sedition. On the whole,  
however, Zagul's intentions are  
sincere—though misguided—his  
preaching has been along peaceful  
lines, counselling moderation  
rather than violence. Recent  
events, however, have fully  
demonstrated that his enthusiasm  
in the interests of his fatherland  
imparts fanaticism to the mis-  
guided masses. For this reason  
he must remain a menace to  
British interests and obligations  
in the Near East. His resigna-  
tion and determination to seek  
retirement in France or Italy is  
therefore to be welcomed.

**ALLEGED ABUSE.**

**BUS CONDUCTOR CHARGED  
IN COURT.**

A conductor of the Kowloon  
Motor Bus Company was charged  
at the Kowloon Magistracy this  
morning with using abusive  
language towards Mr. F. O.  
Gourdin on November 24.  
Complainant stated that he was  
travelling on the bus from the Star  
Ferry, and on the way the de-  
fendant kept up an incessant and  
loud shrill on his whistle much to  
the discomfort of the passengers.  
On being politely requested by the  
complainant to refrain from blow-  
ing in that manner, the defendant  
replied that the driver could not  
hear "soft" blasts, and later used  
offensive language. Thereupon  
the complainant pointed out the  
irregularity of the defendant and  
also to an Inspector of the Bus  
Company.  
The case was adjourned for the  
evidence of the Inspector.

**FOOTBALL.**

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

[By Dutchie.]

The following is the League  
programme for to-morrow:—  
FIRST DIVISION.

Police v. China "A," Sookumpoo  
ground.

Club v. China "B," Club  
ground.

"Tamar" v. Surreys, Navy "A"  
ground.

Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SECOND DIVISION.

St. Joseph's "B" v. China "A,"  
Club ground.

Surreys v. China "B," Sookum-  
poo ground.

Kowloon v. St. Joseph's "A,"  
Kowloon ground.

Sacred Heart v. Club Recreio  
"B," St. Joseph's ground.

Drums v. Club Recreio "A,"  
Navy "A" ground.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

The change in the time of  
starting the matches should be  
noted as having been advanced a  
quarter of an hour.

In the Senior Division, Kow-  
loon will be without a game as  
the R.A. are still away in camp,  
whilst the Junior game between  
the Club Reserves and the  
University has been postponed,  
because the latter team are busy  
getting ready for examinations.

The Police meet the Chinese  
"A" in their return game. It  
will be remembered that the  
former are the only ones who  
have so far taken a point from  
their opponents of to-morrow.  
They seem to play much better  
against stronger sides and it  
would not surprise me if they  
repeat the performance, al-  
though the Chinese are un-  
doubtedly the better team.

On the Club ground the home  
team receive the Chinese "B,"  
their first meeting resulted in a  
win for the Club by eight clear  
goals. They will have to play  
better than they did last week if  
they wish to equal their previous  
score.

The "Tamar" are an im-  
proved team and the Soldiers will  
have to play all they know to  
beat them. Judging by last  
week's display of both teams, a  
draw is a likely result.

There is no outstanding game  
in the second Division. China  
"A" should secure the points  
from their opponents as also  
should the Surreys Reserves and  
St. Joseph's "A," who have quite  
a good chance yet in the  
League.

Sacred Heart will probably  
divided the points with the Re-  
serves "B," whilst the Recreio  
"A" should manage to defeat the  
Drums.

From papers to hand from  
Shanghai, the Association there  
are busy trying out their players  
to represent them in the Inter-  
port here at Chinese New Year,  
and it behoves our people to get  
busy as there are only seven  
weeks to get a team together.

I left off last week discussing  
probable players for the game  
with Shanghai—the next business  
is a right half and for this po-  
sition, we have Mair of the Club,  
Petter (Surreys), Bretton  
(Police), and Leung Yuk-tong of  
the Chinese. Neither of these  
are outstanding in this position,  
the best probably being Petter,  
who is my fancy.

The most responsible position,  
that of the centre half, comes  
next. Stewart, McKelvie and  
Mitchell of the Surreys seem the  
only nominees, the first two have  
both played in Interport games  
before, Stewart having the hon-  
our of captaining the team for  
the last two years. In my opin-  
ion, he has lost both form and  
speed and has not the knack of  
setting his forwards moving.  
McKelvie is on his top form and,  
moreover, can control the ball  
better than Stewart. Mitchell  
is a hard working player and  
although not brilliant, is worth a  
trial. However, I don't think  
the Selection Committee will  
have much difficulty in deciding  
who of these three will fill that  
position, which in all probability  
will also carry the skipper's job  
with it.

Probable starters for the left  
half position, are Bristowe,  
Duncan Watson, and Oram of the  
Police. Both the first two are  
well known to all followers of the  
game. Watson does well in this  
position, but I think he is essen-  
tially a right winger and there-  
fore out of the question. Oram,  
although slow, is good and does  
not get flustered, but is inclined  
to be lazy. The choice therefore  
seems to rest between Bristowe  
and Duncan and if the latter

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

HONGKONG EDUCATION  
NEEDS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—In spite of the fact that  
there exists the Hongkong Univer-  
sity with a few colleges as its  
feeders, and a limited number of  
both Government and private  
Scholarships to enable the poor  
but bright student to lead an  
undergraduate life, yet the educa-  
tion of this island has not, un-  
happily, received half as much  
attention as it ought to. Such a  
neglect is all the more lamentable  
when we consider that the future  
of any country depends entirely  
upon the kind of education given  
to its younger generation. The  
responsibility, no doubt, rests with  
the State.

Rather than act as the extra-  
vagant Louis XIV. of France when  
he said: "After me the deluge," I  
venture to bring forward, through  
the courtesy of this column, a few  
suggestions for the betterment of  
the education of the youths here.  
They are as follows:—

Firstly, to put the right and  
only the right man to steer the  
wheel of education. Would you  
ever dream of asking a carpenter  
to do you a piece of masonry  
work? He is to be chosen not  
merely for his University degree,  
nor from any walk of life, but  
from among those very well  
acquainted with the intricacies of  
our local education.

Secondly, to permit only those  
who have good sound educational  
experience to establish schools.  
Degree men without such a quali-  
fication must be debarred from  
this honourable and responsible  
occupation.

Thirdly, to order the closing  
down of such schools as are not in  
a position to educate, in the true  
sense of the word, the young.  
Better have a few but efficient  
schools than many "so-called"  
ones, which do more harm than  
good.

Fourthly, to adopt some regular  
systematic form of inspection of  
schools.

Fifthly, to promote free ele-  
mentary education to be maintain-  
ed by the State for the poorer  
children. In this connection, it  
might be mentioned that the  
establishment of some sort of  
industrial schools for those better  
fitted for handicraft, and of a  
number of competitive scholar-  
ships to enable intelligent youths  
to proceed to college, would cer-  
tainly be of great benefit to the  
community.

Sixthly, to insist on the heads  
of schools not to admit any new  
student, unless he produces a  
proper school-leaving certificate  
from the school he last attended.  
It is quite a common practice for  
a youngster to roll from one school  
to another in order to avoid paying  
tuition fees for the holiday-period.

Seventhly, to see that education  
and not "inducement" is the watch-  
word of all our schools.

Thanking you for encroaching  
upon this space,

Yours etc,

C. P. H.  
Hongkong, December 4.

**"ST. JOAN."**

A.D.C.'s FORTHCOMING  
PRODUCTION.

Booking for the A.D.C.'s pro-  
duction of Bernard Shaw's "St.  
Joan," under the personal direc-  
tion of Mr. W. Sinclair, opens at  
the Anderson Music Store on  
Monday, the 15th inst., at 9 a.m.  
"St. Joan," which is a chronicle  
play in six scenes and an epilogue,  
is rightly described as "the most  
brilliant drama of the century"  
and is also a great historical  
pageant. It will be found the  
A.D.C.'s most ambitious pro-  
duction and a play which certainly  
should not be missed. The even-  
ing performances will commence  
at 9 p.m. sharp; the matinee at  
4.30 p.m.

plays as well in the trials as he  
has done in the last two repre-  
sentative matches, he should be  
the choice.

I don't think there is likely to  
be a trial game before my next  
notes, so I will leave the forward  
line until next Friday.

Is a paddy field a good place to  
play water polo?

**MATCH POSTPONED.**

With reference to the notice  
regarding the Hongkong Football  
Club Reserves' 2nd Division  
League fixture with the Univer-  
sity, appearing on our sports  
page, the match has been post-  
poned until further notice. The  
information reached the "China  
Mail" after page 11 had gone to  
press.



## LADIES AT CRICKET.

## MRS. REED STARTS AS "GOOD CAPTAIN."

SCORES A CENTURY.

Prolonged cheers greeted the eleven men players as at one forty-five this afternoon they wended their way from the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion to the pitch. Even more loud, and certainly more ironical, were those which greeted the attempts of the fielders, as they waited for the first two lady batsmen, to catch and field one-handed—one of the disabilities imposed upon them.

Their full disabilities are as follows:—must catch and field with either hand but one only; must retire at 20; boundaries for them count 2 only and boundary byes 1 only; whereas for the ladies they count 6 and 4 respectively; wicket-keeper to stand at least a yard behind the stumps.

To the discretion of the umpire is left the decision as to whether a ball is fast (in which case the men's side will have it put down as a no-ball). The penalty for men using more than one hand will be 6 runs given to the other side.

A few minutes after the men had taken the field Mrs. Reed, the Captain of the Ladies' side, accompanied Mrs. Bower to the wicket, amidst a perfect burst of applause from the pavilion seats, which were crowded.

Other ladies in the team are Miss P. Grace, Miss G. Grace, Lady Stuart Taylor, Mrs. Lucy, Miss Owen-Hughes, Miss E. Harston, Miss B. Harston, Miss Bailey, Miss Forbes and Miss D. Holyoak.

Scores when the "China Mail" went to press were:

LADIES' 1ST INNINGS.	
Mrs. Reed, retired	100
Mrs. Bower, run out	28
Miss P. Grace, not out	10
Extra	1
Total (for 2 wks.)	140

## L. M. S. WORK.

## SALE FOR BUILDING FUND.

## GIRLS' SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS.

To help with the provision of a new school which is necessitated by the growing expansion of the numbers of scholars at the London Missionary Society School, a sale of work in aid of the Ying Wah Girls' School Building Fund was held at the Union Church yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, who presided over the sale, said that it was brought about by the ladies of the Union Church and the ladies of the Congregational Church in Kowloon. A year ago they were somewhat in trouble over the building of a Chinese school in their vicinity, and the impression that seemed to have got about was that they, as a Congregational Church, were unfriendly to a Chinese school. This effort he hoped would go to show that they had nothing else but goodwill towards Chinese schools. Lady Severn opened the Sale.

Sells were in charge of the following ladies:

General Stall.—Mesdames Hamilton, Milne, Gerrard, Craig, Cubey, Dalgetty and Gloyne.

Refreshment Stall.—Mesdames Mitchell, Muir, Fern, Thorburn, Drummond, Price and McMurray.

Children's Stall and Bran Tub.—Mesdames Macdonachie, Purves, Collett, Blair, Ironside and B. Brown.

Sweet Stall.—Miss Annie Miller, Miss Phyllis Brown.

School Stall.—Miss Davis.

Mrs. J. B. Ross was the hon. treasurer and Mrs. MacKenzie hon. secretary.

## ALLEGED THEFT.

## DUMB CHINESE IS CHARGED.

A charge of picking the pocket of a Shanghai Chinese on board the s.s. "Shan Tung" and stealing \$225 was preferred against a dumb Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A member of the crew giving evidence stated that he saw the defendant take the money.

The case was adjourned for a week.

## TICKLING THROAT.

Did you ever have that nerve-racking experience caused by a bit of mucus or phlegm that stubbornly refuses to be dislodged, but tickles and tickles until it becomes almost strangled? Just a few puffs of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, swallowed very slowly and allowed to glide down the throat, will stop that tickle and at once give you immediate relief. Try it that way too for Asthma, bronchitis and other coughs. For sale everywhere.

## FAREWELL DINNER.

## COMMODORE GRACE AS ROYALS' GUEST.

Commodore H. E. Grace, who is shortly leaving the Colony, was entertained to a farewell dinner at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club last evening, the gymnasium hall being gaily decorated for the occasion. Capt. Arthur, the Commodore of the Club, presided, and there were also present Sir Claude Severn, Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Vice-Commodore) and others.

In proposing the health and prosperity of their guest, Capt. Arthur said that they were sorry to see that Commodore Grace was leaving them as he had been a very useful member of the Committee and a pillar of strength to the Club. He had been a keen yachtsman, and in addition to a good winner had always been a keen loser. (Applause). In conclusion, he asked the Commodore to accept a small token on behalf of the members and well-wishers he was leaving behind him. (Applause).

In reply, Commodore Grace first thanked the lady who had spent so much care in decorating the gymnasium, and then Capt. Arthur for his kind words. It was difficult to say good-bye after two and a half years for he had made many friends during that time. He was surprised at the size of the gathering, and he much appreciated the honour they had done him in receiving him in their own building. He was proud to be there, and as he looked round he thought of his absent friends, particularly Messrs. Smyth and Lowe. They were real friends of the Club, and he regretted they were no longer present. It was a pleasure to see two ex-Commodores that evening, Mr. Dennison and another ancient friend, Sir Claude. (Laughter and Applause). Their old friend Ah Mow was present, as no gathering at the Yacht Club was complete without him. He was never at a loss as was shown recently when at his inauguration several lives were saved from an overturned sampan off the Yacht Club. (Applause).

Continuing, the Commodore spoke of "our island spirit" and the manner in which it was carried wherever we went. Wherever we went we carried our love of the sea. He then produced a Commodore's pennant, suitably inscribed which had been won recently by the Club yachtsmen from the Navy. Last year, he said, the Navy won the Club burgee and he should always treasure that. They were now all square but he hoped that next year they would give the Navy the chance of winning another burgee to show that Britannia still ruled the seas. (Applause). He proposed the toast of the Yacht Club.

Mr. E. Cock, replying, remarked that they were a virile little club. The membership was small, but if all the gentlemen who had attended the dinner came to sail they would have the liveliest yacht club in the world except America. (Laughter and Applause). He thought there was no place in the world where yachtsmen could get first class sailing at so moderate a cost as in Hongkong, and if Hongkong helmsmen took their Chinese boys as crew when they went home they would give the people there a shaking up. He thanked the guest of the evening for being among them and the encouragement he had given them ever since he came to Hongkong. Sir Claude Severn also spoke, thanking Mr. Tickle for the pains he had taken to make the dinner a success, and ended up with a humorous speech.

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## FRENCH SENSATION.

## SADOU AS RUSSIAN RETURNS.

## ARRESTED IN PARIS.

(Reuter's Service.)

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The latest sensation in Paris is the return of ex-Captain Sadoul, ex-French Communist, who was sentenced to death in 1919 for giving intelligence to the enemy. He is now a naturalised Russian.

"Le Petit Parisien" says that M. Sadoul is attached to the Soviet Embassy, which the French police are watching with the intention of arresting. M. Sadoul immediately he emerges. "Le Journal" and "Le Matin" are informed that M. Sadoul is not in Embassy which told them that the Russians will scrupulously adhere to the promise not to interfere in French domestic affairs. "Le Matin" says M. Sadoul is not in hiding but has returned expressly to contest the death sentence.

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## S.P.C.A.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held last evening under the presidency of Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., supported by Mr. B. L. Frost (Hon. Secretary), Mr. O. Skinner (Hon. Treasurer), and members of the Committee.

In a survey of the year's work, Sir Henry mentioned that a lethal chamber had been established at the Government Laboratory. With regard to the Dogs' Home, it would be seen from the report that it became necessary during the past year, owing to the reclamation work at North Point, to close the Dogs' Home in the neighbourhood of Causeway Bay. Thanks to the generosity of the Government they had obtained a site for a new Dogs' Home at Kowloon and the Government had already erected temporary quarters there. Those quarters were by no means ideal and he believed that the Sub-Committee in charge of the Dogs' Home would be shortly addressing the Government upon certain improvements which would make the Home more suitable for the purpose.

## THE RABIES SCARE.

Owing to the recent rabies scare the police had been very active lately in collecting stray dogs and placing them in the Home. He had been informed by Mr. Frost that as the result of that campaign by the police in Kowloon it had been found necessary to destroy as many as 120 dogs during the last ten days. Members would, therefore, appreciate the fact that the accommodation in the Dogs' Home had been lately taxed to its uttermost. As they noticed from the report, it was considered the time had come when it was necessary to start an additional Dogs' Home on the Hongkong side of the harbour. He had been in communication with the Colonial Secretary (Sir Claude Severn) on the subject of a site, and although nothing had been definitely fixed up at present, he was hoping that a good site would eventually be found in the neighbourhood of East Point. A new Dogs' Home would involve the engagement of a fourth Inspector. In this connection, the Chairman drew attention to the general account, pointing out to those interested in the welfare of dogs—and he believed there were very many in the Colony—that if another Inspector was appointed it would mean that they must secure greater support from the general public. There was a large number of animal lovers in the Colony, and he hoped and believed they would come forward with special donations, as well as ordinary subscriptions, in order to aid them in carrying on the work.

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## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

## "THE LAW FORBIDS."

One of the largest all-star casts ever assembled by Universal appears in "The Law Forbids," Bernard McConville's appealing story of a young couple's supposed incompatibility, which has its first local showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

This cast includes Baby Peggy, whose first big picture, "The Darling of New York," was so widely acclaimed throughout the country. Her parents in this picture are Elinor Fair, remembered for her work in "Driven," opposite Otis Skinner in "Kismet," and also "The Miracle Man," and Robert Ellis, who played opposite to Gladys Walton in "The Wild Party."

Hayden Stevenson of "Leather Pushers" fame; Winifred Bryson the siren of "Thundering Dawn" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"; William Welsh, known for his character roles in many big productions and Universal Westerns; James Corrigan, Robert Bolder, Eva Thatcher and Joseph Dowling are a few of the other well-known film players in the cast.

The story traces the emotional difficulties of a successful young playwright, the baby's father, who separated from his wife and child, falls for the wiles of an actress, writing a play of his own marital difficulties. The baby, longing for her father, runs away from her grandfather's farm, comes to the city, and almost upsets the climax of the play, on the very night it opens.

The course of the drama is changed when the child dashes on the stage, following her pet rooster, Alexander. Instead of the "other" woman winning, the cast are forced to respond to the child before them, and they improvise lines, while she responds to them, upsetting the playwright's intentions, which succeed with the audience.

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## JOBLESS AND HOMELESS.

## PITIFUL CASE AROUSES MAGISTRATE'S SYMPATHY.

TALE OF TWO RODS.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. N. L. Smith a Chinese was charged with the theft of two iron rods.

Defendant said that he found the rods in an open place, and took them away as he thought there was no owner. He pleaded to be in a state of destitution since he arrived from Nanking. He had intended to go to Canton to secure work in the army, but fell sick and was in the Kwong Wah Hospital for one week.

The Magistrate sentenced the defendant to seven days' hard labour, remarking that it appeared to him that something should be done, when the man was discharged, to help him. Sub-Inspector Spear said that he would see to this.

## ARMS SEIZED.

## ONE MAN ARRESTED AT SAI-TAN.

In a search carried out by the police at Sai Tan village in the district of Sha Tau Kwok, they seized one automatic pistol and 14 rounds of ammunition. One man was arrested in connection with this seizure.

## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Langkats ..... 19 Buyers.  
Ewos ..... 12 Buyers.  
Shanghai Docks ..... 104 Buyers.  
New Engineering ..... 730 Buyers.  
Orientals ..... 375 Buyers.  
Shanghai Cottons 59 Buyers.  
The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai market this morning.

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Lady Clara Ho Tung, Lady Pollock, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. De Martin, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Quarles Van Ufford, Mrs. P. J. Woodhouse, Mrs. Remington, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Hyland, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. F. H. Dillon, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Capt. Oxspring, R.A.V.C., Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Dr. Williams, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Li Wing-kwong, Mr. M. P. Talati, Sir Henry Pollock and Dr. MacGown.

At the conclusion of the business, Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto referred to the services rendered to the Society by their retiring President, Sir Henry Pollock. Sir Pollock had taken a very great interest in the Society since its inception and Mr. Silva Netto, thought they could not leave the room without thanking him most sincerely for all he had done. Although relieved of the duties of President, he hoped Sir Henry Pollock would continue to take a very deep and practical interest in the affairs of the Society. (Applause).

Sir Henry Pollock, in reply, thanked Mr. Silva Netto for his kind words. He only wished that the time at his disposal had enabled him to do more. He still had much to do in connection with the Cruelty to Animals Bill, and certain work next year had reluctantly made him come to the conclusion that he must be relieved of the position of President. It had given him great pleasure to work for the Society, and he hoped to attend the Committee meeting in the future as often as he had done in the past. (Applause). He felt that they would get on very well in a coming year under Mr. Frost. (Hear, hear).

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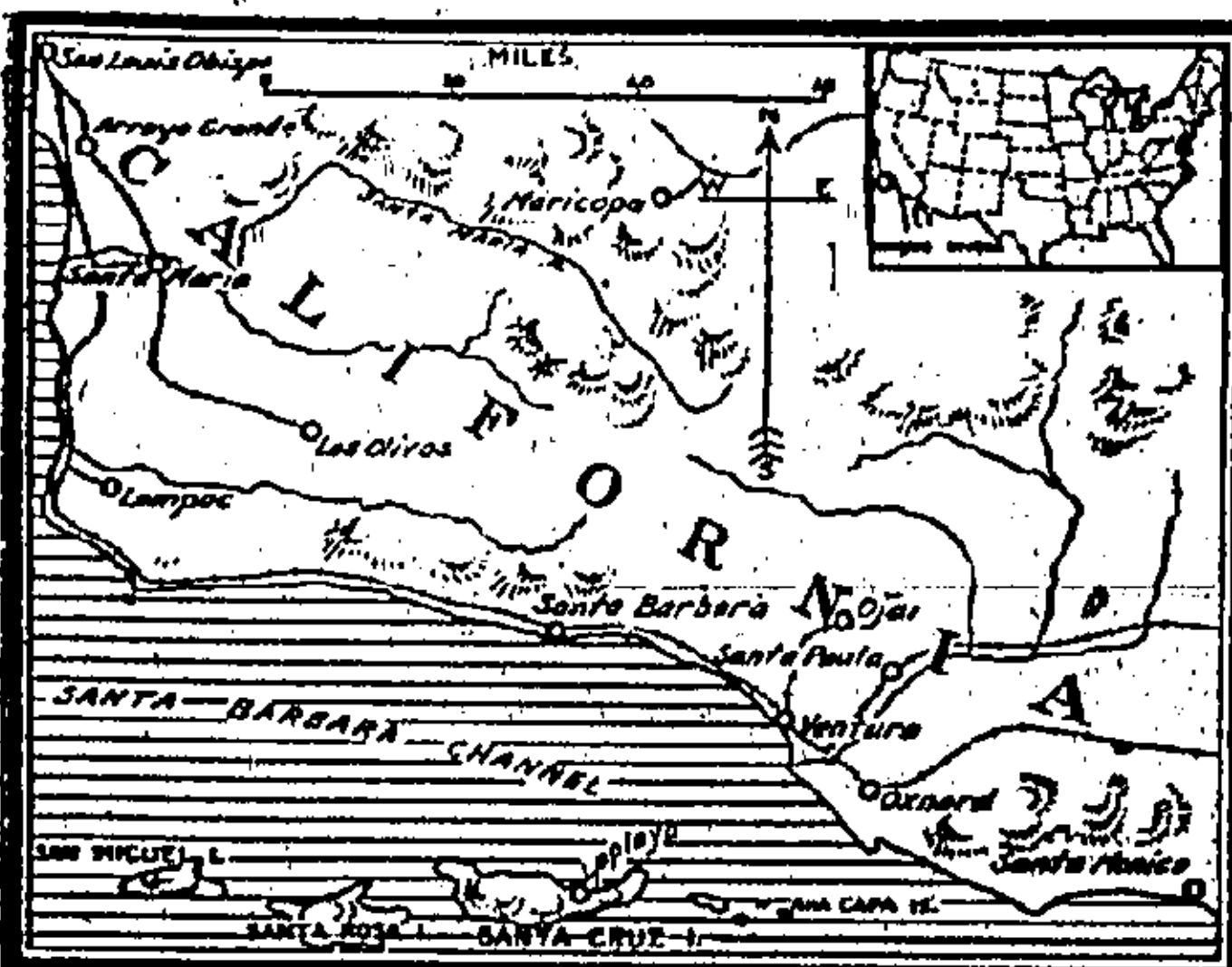
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**NEW ISLAND RESORT**—Mr. E. L. Doheny is said to be planning the purchase of the island of Santa Cruz off the coast of Southern California, with the purpose of developing it as a resort. The island has several good harbors and is possessed of much natural beauty.

# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Reuter's message from Gibraltar states there are disquieting rumours from Morocco, including a reliable report that the Spaniards have been compelled to abandon the post of Rio Martin, near Tetuan.

As will be seen from an advertisement in this issue, shareholders in the Peak Hospital Limited, now in liquidation, are to receive a return of \$9-per share. They should apply to Mr. H. P. Smith, 6 Des Vaux Road Central.

The Consular body of Chungking has requested the Civil Governor of Szechuen to abolish at once all irregular military taxes imposed on foreigners trading in the province. The irregular taxation has been the subject of frequent Consular protest, but recently the taxes have grown in number.

Of late, many cases of theft at Shamoen have been reported, says the "Canton Gazette." It will be remembered that some days ago the strong room of the firm of T. E. Griffith was broken into by thieves who got away with a lot of valuables deposited there for safe-keeping by Chinese Merchants. A similar case of theft has now been reported, the victim being Loxley & Co.

The Ford car is making its way to the farthest west corner of China. In Chengtu a motor road built by Yang Sen is nearing completion. Thirty Ford cars have been ordered to arrive in Chengtu in the near future. This is the first trial of Governor Yang Sen's ambitious plan to build motor highways in West China. The building of other roads awaits the success of the Chengtu line.

Jose Monteiro, a musician of the "President Cleveland," was arrested by agents of the Customs Secret Service at Manila for trying to bribe a guard and attempting to smuggle a firearm. He gave the man on guard at the "President Cleveland" a ten-dollar bill which the latter retained and later turned it over to his chief. Both money and firearm were confiscated. The case will be turned over to the City Fiscal for action.

The native press of Hankow reports that Mr. Chow Shing-tang, Chairman of the Hankow Chinese Chamber of Commerce, has proposed the holding of a special one-day race meeting at the International Race Club and a three days' dramatic performance at the New World Building in order to raise funds for the relief of the poor in Shanghai and Chekiang provinces who have suffered through the recent hostilities.

A normal service of through trains, with the exception of the night express, was started on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway the week before last, for the first since September 2 when the line was cut owing to the clash of the contending Kiangsu and Chekiang armies. The service provides eight trains starting at 7 a.m., the express train leaving at 9.30 a.m. The night express is not being run owing to military difficulties, chiefly martial law in the province, and the fact that the Tientsin-Pukow service is discontinued.

A correspondent writes to the "North Borneo Herald": "I killed a small green snake with a peculiar heart-shaped head and with white bars across its back, which was hanging in a creeper on the wall of my house. This is said to be one of the most deadly snakes in the country and is, I believe, of the same kind that bit Mr. Dale some years ago at Sandakan, with very nearly fatal results. This snake has a habit of suspending itself in low bushes or creepers where it startled, it strikes at whoever is passing by. I was quite near it before it was seen by my wife, and shortly before some painters had been working at the spot."

Julio de la Rosa, architect, who sued the Bank of the Philippine Islands more than a year ago for the payment of P30,000 for the alleged failure by the bank to carry out its contract for the best plan of its new edifice, lost his case in the Supreme Court when it handed down its decision absolving the bank from any obligation. The lower court awarded the plaintiff P4,000, but on appeal he lost everything. He alleged that the bank failed to award the prize of the contest on the date it had announced, but this allegation did not prevail in the Supreme Court. The case centred around the contest recently won by Juan Arellano, who was awarded the first prize, P30,000.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company's ship "The Cable," left the Thames on October 25. She is proceeding to Singapore, where she will take up the work of repairing the cables as occasion arises. Oil fuel allows the ship a range of 6,000 miles. Sir John Denison-Pender, Chairman of the Eastern Associated group of cable companies visited the ship on October 23, in company with many interested in cables, and bade farewell to the captain and crew. The ship will never go home. She will, if she lasts as long as her predecessors, remain in commission for about forty years and then be sold out of service, possibly finishing as a cargo boat in the China Seas.

At the Government pawnshop at Widoorun, Java, seven months ago, a big "diamond" was pledged for five hundred guilders. This diamond was not redeemed and when it was sold at a public auction it only fetched nine guilders. It was made of glass and the official in charge of the pawnshop will have to make good the difference.

In his remarks to the shareholders of the Colonial Bank, the chairman, Mr. C. F. Wood, said the Nigerian palm-oil trade was menaced with scientific cultivation of the oil palm in the Dutch East Indies. It was becoming increasingly evident, he said, that the history of the triumph of the cultivated variety of rubber over the wild product was likely to repeat itself in the case of the oil palm. The planted acreage in Sumatra had shown a remarkable and significant increase.

The "President Polk," which had arrived at home from the East with a cargo, including about 1,250 tons of rubber, took fire in New York Harbour. The damage is reported to be serious, and a long delay in the delivery of any part of the cargo which may be saved is a certainty. The demand for near rubber in America is keen, and a delay in the delivery of 1,250 tons, let alone the possible loss of some part of this quantity, affected the market considerably, says a home paper.

Mr. Khoo Sian-ewe, who has identified himself on more than one occasion previously and has in fact followed in the footsteps of his father, the late Mr. Khoo Cheow-teong, by giving donations towards deserving causes and scholarships to the various schools in Penang has given the sum of \$1,000 for the erection of a tiffin shed for the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Anson Road, which will fill a long felt want and for which the "Penang Gazette" is sure the principal and the students of the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School will be very grateful. He always takes a keen but unostentatious interest in public affairs, and in addition to many high offices he holds in various institutions, the latest honour conferred on him was his election as President of the Old Free's Association. He headed the list for the Red Cross Fund with \$8,000, and contributed liberally to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the last severe influenza epidemic in Penang, which took a big toll.

# SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain left London for Paris yesterday. He is bound for Rome.

Mr. E. C. Lobenstein, honorary secretary of the National Christian Council in Shanghai, visited Changsha recently. Mr. Lobenstein is at present visiting various cities in the interior in the interest of the Council.

Miss Wong Yin-heung, living at No. 21 Old Bailey, has reported to the Police the theft of a diamond ring valued at \$800, she left on a wash-stand at the To To Sin Restaurant whilst washing her hands, on Wednesday.

Mr. Andrew C. Fleming, manager of the Robert Dollar Company at Chungking, is now travelling to Shanghai on his way to America on home leave. During his absence Mr. T. Walter Arndt, of the Dollar Company at Hankow, will be in charge of the Chungking office.

It is announced that the appointment of Capt. R. V. S. Johnston, Royal Marines, as District Intelligence Officer, Singapore, has been extended to December 22 next year. Capt. Johnston has held the appointment since February, 1923, and was previously District Intelligence Officer at Shanghai for several months.

Among passengers departing to-day by the "Empress of Australia" are the following for Shanghai: Major Cassel, Mr. I. Zeilenky, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holroyd, and Miss Holroyd. Mr. H. S. C. Giles, H.B.M. Consul at Canton, accompanied by his family and Sir Henry Goltz. Passengers by the same vessel for Vancouver include Mr. H. M. Tibby, Manager of the Glen Line, Shanghai, and Mr. A. Cohen, A.D.C. to Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Mr. G. Ludov de Negri, Mexican Consul-General for Hongkong.

Mrs. Roy Andersen, who has been travelling in Europe for six months, is expected to return to Peking by Christmas.

Mr. W. T. Alexander, general manager for the Far East of the Palmolive Company of Milwaukee, is now visiting Hankow from Shanghai, in connection with business of his company.

The death has taken place of a well-known resident of Shanghai, in the person of Mrs. Dorothea Wegener, who passed away at the Paulin Hospital, Shanghai, last week. The deceased, who was 57 years of age, was of a very lovable disposition, and her loss will be greatly felt by a large circle of friends.

Passengers departing to-day by the Admiral Oriental Liner "President Jackson" for Shanghai include Mr. Douglas Jenkins, American Consul General at Canton, accompanied by Mrs. Jenkins, Dr. E. Iizawa, and Mr. J. H. Taggart. Mr. and Miss Clover are travelling to Seattle by the same ship.

Mr. Chow Sin-tang, chairman of the Hapkwong Chamber of Commerce, and Chow Yung-shun, chairman of the Hapkwong Street Union League, are interesting themselves with plans for the organization of the Hapkwong Merchants' Volunteer Company. A request for permission to arm the volunteers has been sent to the governor.

The wedding took place at the Wesley Church, Ipoh, of Miss Erin Marie Morcia eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Morcia, of Brewster, Mass., and Mr. Henry Morgan Van Cuylenberg, of Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co., Teluk Anson branch, son of Mr. Norman "Orloff," a retired senior official of the Ceylon Government Railway.

Mr. Tokugawa, First Secretary at the Japanese Embassy, has removed to 25, Queen's-gate, S.W.7.

Mr. M. Nagai has been appointed Japanese Minister to Sweden. He was formerly Counsellor at the Japanese Embassy in London.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Noble, Mr. G. Babb and Mr. and Mrs. A. Moffet were registered at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, on Sunday.

The marriage arranged between Mr. J. H. Le Rougetel and Miss Penrose-Thackwell will take place in Tokyo next spring. Miss Penrose-Thackwell will leave England on January 16.

Mr. Roland Strasses, the young Austrian painter, is holding his first London exhibition at the Austrian Legation in Belgrave Square. It is the result of very extensive travelling and includes scenes in Tibet, Mongolia and China.

Miss Doris Woods, Hongkong's popular dancing teacher, whose arrival has been delayed owing to her appearances with her sister Alleen at Sumatra, is expected back per s.s. "Glentara" next Sunday, when she will resume her classes.

M. de Fleuriau, the French Minister in China, who succeeds Comte de Saint-Aulaire as French Ambassador in London, was born at La Rochelle, and in his young days was a keen yachtsman, while a later hobby has been the collecting of rare books and old bindings.

The Siamese Minister of Commerce, Prince Chandraharu, concluded his mission to Siam on October 22, and left for Paris. The Siamese Minister, with the personnel of the Legation and several English friends, were at Victoria Station to take leave of the Prince.

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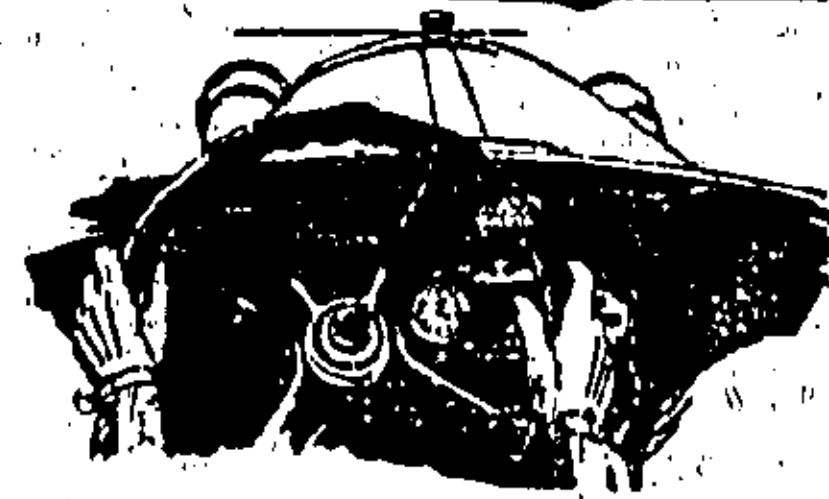
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## CLUELESS WONDER.

## MAN WHO MEANT TO DISAPPEAR.

## NEW YORK MYSTERY.

New York, October 18.—Medium height, weight about 220 lb., fond of ice-cream and a certain brand of aerated water. Age, somewhere in the early forties.

Does it seem possible that a man could be the daily associate of persons in a large stockbroking concern for twenty odd years, and be partner in the firm for the past five years, without leaving any more definite impression upon those with whom he came into contact?

It does not sound reasonable. It sounds as though taken from one of the numerous detective or mystery stories dealing with negative characters. Yet it is absolutely true of George R. Christian, missing partner in the firm of Day and Heaton, which has gone into bankruptcy with losses approaching half a million pounds or more.

Christian's case is the most intriguing that has confronted the New York detectives and the veteran experts on crime during the past decade. He is the most mystifying man they have undertaken to analyse at long range, and if they find him the prospects are that their curiosity will never be gratified in full.

## VANISHED ON HOLIDAY.

Christian entered the employ of the firm of Day and Heaton, one of the oldest and most conservative in Wall Street, as a messenger boy more than twenty years ago, and is supposed now to be in his early forties. By sheer hard work he won a place as a junior partner five years ago.

On August 14 of this year he started on what was thought to be his annual vacation. On September 9, a member of the firm received a letter from Christian, postmarked New York, admitting that he had carried "dummy" accounts and was 200,000 dollars (about £45,000) short in his accounts.

That letter was kept secret for a week or more, the firm expecting to make up the loss, but investigation revealed that the deficit might reach two and a half million dollars, and the firm went into bankruptcy.

Did Christian take a tip from the fiction writers and for years practise what might be called negativism? That is, did he deliberately design to create no impression upon those whom he met, with the idea that some day he might want to disappear, and leave a difficult trail? All of the evidence so far indicates that he did exactly that.

He was not an obscure, silent partner. He had been a hard worker as an employee. As a partner he worked still harder. In fact he did practically all the work. Every day he met the large staff, held consultations, issued orders, inspected accounts and met employees and partners eye to eye. Yet the description of him in the first paragraph of this story is all the police have.

## NO MANNERISMS.

Not one single mannerism does this man seem to have had. Persons who have been with him for years cannot recall any of the unconscious habits, such as scratching the ear or head, or stroking the chin when pondering a problem. He had no pet expressions in his speech. He was not solemn and he was not merry. He had no particular fancies in clothes.

Nobody can recall that he had a hobby of any sort whatever. He may or may not have been fond of sport. He may have been a hard drinker and he may have been a teetotaler. He may have been, or pretended to be, a devout churchman or an atheist. He seems to have made no enemies and neither did he make close friends. The employees cannot recall whether they liked or disliked him.

No inquisitive office-boy has ever mimicked Christian; no clerk or other person has drawn a caricature of him. Only one photograph of him has been found. That is unsatisfactory, and he probably made it so. It was taken in a group with other members of the firm on one of the company's anniversaries, and he could not sidestep the occasion.

When the search for Christian began nobody knew where he lived. He had moved three and a half years ago from the address in the notebook of the senior partner, and had never mentioned the fact. When, a year ago, another partner went fishing and offered to send him part of the catch, Christian told him to send it to the office.

The police finally found the place to which he had moved, but also found that he had sent his wife and mother-in-law away before he disappeared, and they were located with great difficulty. He left them penniless.

Christian had a brother whom he had not seen for many years, and who knew no more about him than did the police, nor did his wife and her mother.

The man was not a recluse. He spent most of his time at home when not working, but he occasionally mingled socially with other men and made no obvious

## SOME RARE MEDALS.

## UNIQUE COLLECTION AT INDIA OFFICE.

Under the orders of the Secretary of State in Council a complete collection of Indian Army medals and ribbons from the latter part of the 18th century has been made for permanent display at the India Office. The long glass case in which they are exhibited, mostly in chronological order, is on the first-floor corridor, facing the spacious Durbar Court of the office. The earlier medals shown are usually much larger than those of modern days and are often of exquisite workmanship. They are very rare and are highly valued by collectors. Brought together in this way the collection is unique, says "The Times," for at the time when the Honourable East India Company was obtaining the permission of the Board of Control for the issue of medals to Indian troops for successive campaigns, it was most unusual for any similar reward to be made in this country. For instance, no medal awards were made to either the naval or military services for the Seven Years War and the American War of Independence.

JOHN COMPANY. The medals John Company issued to its Indian troops were the most prized because, as in the case of the Decan medal, authorised in 1784-85, they often carried privileges, such as exemption from payment of the duties levied by the authorities on pilgrims to certain famous shrines.

The older medals include the Mysore (1791-92), struck both in gold and silver, for the operations against Tipoo Sultan; the Ceylon (1795-96), awarded to a small force of Bengal Native Artillery which assisted in capturing the island from the Dutch; the Seringapatam (1799), the first medal to be issued by the Company to Europeans as well as natives, to Crown troops as well as to Company troops; and the Egypt (1801), issued in commemoration of the defeat of the French Army in Egypt.

There is another echo of the Napoleonic Wars in the Rodrigues, Bourbon, and Mauritius medal (1810). The Java medal (1811) and the Nepal medal (1814-1816) were next issued. The earlier medals had no ribbons, and were usually hung round the neck with a cord. In one case, Gwalior (1824), the medal has a hook at the back, and the ribbon for it was authorised some years later.

## FIRST GENERAL SERVICE.

An interesting fact is that the first general Indian medal for campaigns extending from 1799 to 1826 bears the profile of Queen Victoria, who was not born when most of the battles inscribed on the bars were fought. The explanation is that the medal was not issued until 1851. There are other instances of long delay, and they help to explain the completeness of the collection. By the time medals were struck and ready for issue the ranks of the veterans for whom they were intended had been thinned by death and next-of-kin could not always be traced.

The War Office practice is to melt unclaimed medals; but it was felt desirable at East India House to keep a small stock of the issues for possible claimants.

The inclusion in the collection of a Turkish medal for the Crimea is noteworthy. The Turkish Government being short of officers between 300 and 400 John Company officers were lent to them as being experienced in the command of native troops. There are many special medals in the collection, such as those of the Sikh wars of the "Sind campaigns" under Napier, of the first and second Afghan wars, and of the Mutiny. The most recent of these special medals is that issued for the Tibet expedition of 1903-4.

## OVERSEAS CAMPAIGNS.

Many of the general campaigns for which Indian troops have crossed the seas, such as those in Egypt and the Sudan in living memory and South Africa, are included in the collection.

There are also a number of medals given for special distinction, such as Lord Napier's medals for the best shot in the Indian Army (an award kept up by some succeeding commanders-in-chief) and the Pollock medal for the most distinguished cadet at Woolwich.

The medals and ribbons of the various Indian Orders awarded for military service are shown, and in the middle of the case there is the Victoria Cross, for which Indian soldiers have been eligible since the Coronation Durbar at Delhi, and of which 12 sepoy are the proud possessors.

effort to keep himself in the background. He did not become patty with those social acquaintances, nor did he bore or annoy them. They cannot remember what he was a particularly good listener, or that he was a good conversationalist. They never missed him when he was absent, and felt no elation when he was present.

## BRAVERY IN TANK.

## SHIP'S OFFICER KILLED WHILE BEING RESCUED.

London, October 25.—Plucky efforts to rescue an officer who had fallen into the tank of an oil steamer were described on the arrival at Avonmouth of the Anglo-American Oil Company's tanker "Appalachee" from New Orleans.

When the vessel was in mid-Atlantic, Chief Officer English, who was standing on top of one of the tanks, was overcome by fumes and fell to the bottom.

Every member of the crew volunteered to try to rescue him, and the chief, steward, Mr. C. Furniss, was chosen to make the first descent. He found Mr. English suffering from severe injuries, and managed to raise him sufficiently for another helper above to grip him.

Mr. Furniss then climbed the ladder, supporting Mr. English with one hand and holding on to the ladder with the other, but Mr. English fell back into the tank. Mr. Furniss was assisted on to the deck, and it was found that he also was suffering from the effects of fumes, while several of his ribs were broken.

Mr. W. T. Head, fourth engineer, then went down, but was overcome by fumes and was hauled back on to deck. When he recovered he insisted on making a second attempt, and this time succeeded in reaching Mr. English, and both were assisted aloft, but it was found that Mr. English was dead.

Mr. Furniss is now lying in Bristol General Hospital.

## INDIAN ROPE TRICK.

## SIMLA LADY'S CLAIM.

Lahore, October 16.—Referring to the recent statement in the "London Times" that the Wembley authorities and the late Mr. Maskelyne declared that they had always been unable to find anyone who had actually seen the Indian rope trick performed, a Simla lady writes to the "Civil and Military Gazette" to the effect that she and her husband saw it performed in Madras near Vizianagaram, when they first came out to India about 1892. "Though it is so many years ago, I can distinctly see the whole thing, as can also my husband. A short rope about 10 or 12 feet long was thrown up into the air, where it remained, and a boy of about 10 years climbed it and disappeared at the top. In a few minutes he appeared from the branches of a mango tree about 100 yards away. About eight months ago an army officer wrote to the "Gazette" stating that he knew personally a conjurer on the Frontier who claimed ability to perform the rope trick.

LAHORE, October 18.—With reference to the Simla lady's letter to the "Civil and Military Gazette" claiming to have seen the rope trick performed in 1892, in Vizianagaram another correspondent, a railway official, has written to the "Civil and Military Gazette" stating that he saw the trick performed in the nineties in the Trichinopoly, the only difference from the previous description being that the boy appeared from among the spectators, and not from an adjacent group of trees.

## BANK SCANDAL.

## SETTLEMENT BY HERR CASTIGLIONI.

Vienna, October 13.—Great satisfaction was aroused on the Bourse here to-day by the news of the settlement of the affairs of Herr Castiglioni with the Depositenbank. In an agreement signed by Herr Castiglioni this morning, he binds himself not only to pay 15,000,000 crowns for the Depositenbank, whereby certain claims of the bank will be settled, but also to indemnify this bank for any damage arising out of pending lawsuits concerning certain other transactions.

The agreement removes the greatest obstacle in the way of a definite winding up of the affairs of Herr Castiglioni with the assistance of the Banca Commerciale Italiana. It will also dispel the uneasiness on the market caused by uncertainty as to the ultimate fate of Herr Castiglioni, to which the recent downward tendency of the market was greatly due. It need not be feared any more that the market will be flooded with masses of shares in connection with an enforced settlement of the engagement of the Castiglioni firm which a short time ago occupied a leading position here, and is interested in a great number of Austrian enterprises.



## XMAS PREPARATIONS.

## MAKE READY FOR FEAST OF NATIVITY.

## A SERMON.

"Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

Matthew 18:3.

Taking as his text, the foregoing, the Rev. Clouston Porri, C. F., preached the following sermon. Some of our preparations for Christmas have been made. Letters and parcels to our families and friends are on their way to the old country and letters and parcels from them are on their way to us in this distant Colony.

Other preparations for Christmas have to be made. On this first Sunday in Advent the Churches begin to make ready for the feast of the Nativity. We shall be in good company and holy fellowship if we unite with them and seek that preparation of heart and mind without which we cannot truly keep the feast.

Our friends of lengthening memories recall Christmas celebrations long since past and with regrets will remark: "Christmas is not what it used to be." We shall most probably be saying the old fashioned has become a reminiscence of our youth. We do not look forward to the festive season with the same joyous expectancy of other days when we were in the old country. When Christmas comes we do not celebrate it in simple, homely, happy way we did as children. The passing of the Holy Season leaves behind no memories of the most joyous day in the whole year.

We may explain to ourselves that changing times and circumstances have changed the character and the spirit of the Christmas celebrations. We may be content with our explanation if we consider what is merely external; but if we begin to examine ourselves, and to seek the inwardness of the change, we shall discover it to be in ourselves. It is we, who have changed, who are not what we used to be and who have lost something which transformed for us a short wintry day into a day charged to the full with romance, beauty and joy.

The modern Christmas is a caricature of the Christmas of our childhood. The Holy Day is too often a farce in which we are uninspired players. The Season which began as a pagan feast, and continued as a Christian festival, survives as an anniversary which betrays its mixed origin.

Recent fiction reflects the change which is evident to the least observant or introspective. We may compare the description of Christmas Day in Washington Irving's "The Old English Christmas," with that of Sheila Kaye-Smith in "The end of the House of Alard." We quote the latter: "Tradition compelled the various members of the family to give each other presents they did not want; and to eat more than was good for them." Christmas, that farce of exchanging presents: all those empty rites of a lost childhood and a lost faith. He hated Christmas.

Christmas is not what it used to be. We have grown up, and many of us have grown out of the simple faith and hope, which kept us young enough to love and to enjoy Christmas. We observe the empty rites of a lost childhood and a lost faith.

Our Advent addresses in previous years have been excursions into the remote past. We assumed a present interest in the far off preparations for the coming of the Christ-Child the Christmas-maker. We listened to the voices of the messengers who prepared an ancient nation for the Advent. We turned over the pages of sacred and profane history and read in them a Divine purpose which found fulfilment in the birth at Bethlehem. We wandered through the Holy Land and among a people expectant when Herod was King and a Caesar oppressed a proud and stubborn race. We looked for signs of preparedness when "in the fullness of time" He came. "He came to His own, yet His own did not receive Him."

We cannot doubt the fact of the Divine preparation in history but we are amazed at the absence of signs of self-preparation in the nation which awaited His Advent. However interesting and valuable to the Christian thinker may be the study of the historic preparation for the Divine event celebrated at Christmas, the preparation, which is most urgently needed, if we are to enter fully into the spirit of the Holy Season, is the preparation of self. We must recapture a lost childhood and recover a lost faith; we must humble ourselves, come like children in order that we may receive Him, "Who came to visit us in great humility," Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The children love Christmas; how may we be made young enough to love the Holy Day? We can never return to the days in which we believed in Santa Claus and Father Christmas. We can never again know the joy of

an early morning discovery of gifts left by a mysterious midnight visitor. Vanished for us are the old beliefs and pleasant superstitions of childhood.

We can never recapture the days, unless we are poets and mystics, when the Christmas story was new and crammed with a beauty and pathos, a romance and mystery which fascinated and thrilled us. The angels from heaven in those far off days were as real to us as the shepherds from the fields. The Christ-Child in the manger was as dearly loved by us as was our baby brother or sister in the cradle. We knew about the Heavenly Father and His Christmas gift to the world, and we rejoiced in the most wonderful of all presents God's Son, who was born in Bethlehem.

The story of the Nativity however often we may read or hear it never loses its exquisite charm and appeal. As imagination pictures the scene in the stable our hearts are touched to deeper sympathy, compassion and love. The story as a story we accept but the simple faith of our childhood has passed into questionings. The poetry of the birth has hardened into a problem and the mystery has changed into mystification. We listen to doctrines of the Incarnation which raise as many difficulties as they attempt to solve. We read the story as it is interpreted by the Modernists and our perplexity is deepened.

The childlike mind and heart, which we have outgrown, belongs to the irrevocable past. We do not recapture our lost faith by returning to the simple fancies and credulities of the unreasoning and uncritical period of our life. We should gain nothing by becoming childish enough to believe in Father Christmas and Santa Claus. We should not find a faith that is lost by repressing our inquiries into the meaning and significance of the Incarnation and accepting again with childlike simplicity the story of the Nativity.

"Except ye be converted and become like little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven," imposes no such impossible conditions upon seekers after the Truth.

We remember with no regret, what was once to us a painful disillusionment, the night when our eyes were opened and Father Christmas vanished and our own father materialised as the mysterious gift-bringer. We lost something; some marvel and wonder had departed. Christmas could never be to us the same. Some of us look back upon Christmas as the discovery of father-love, and as the awakening to the fact that there is in such love elements of surprise and wonder. Christmas, in the stories which move us, differ from that described in "The End of the House of Alard." It is the day on which the prodigal son and daughter find an open door, a vacant chair, and a father's welcome and forgiveness when they turn home again. It is the day of joy and merriment.

"This my son or my daughter, was dead and is alive again, he or she, was lost and is found again."

We recover the childlike heart and mind when we discover that the giver of life, all that life means to us and all that life may become to us, is the Universal Father. This is the Christmas surprise and Gospel. The mystery of the Holy Birth, the wonder of the Christ-Child, and the problem of the Incarnation find their explanation in the infinite love of God, who is our Father. The Jesus, whose birth we celebrate, was the gift of a Son by which God enriched the world, and made it a home in which His Son might dwell and become "The first-born among many brethren." St. Luke in his Gospel expressed the wonder of the birth, the glory of the Angelic messenger who announced the good news and the choir of angels which praised God when Christ was born in Bethlehem. We share that wonder when our eyes are opened and we see the world as God's world when

we find it full of beauty, romance and mystery, the place which His visitor. "Son Jesus Christ came to visit in great humility, when we discover it to be the home of the family of which the Father of Jesus Christ is the Father of the children of men. We see visions of a world that is to be in which peace will reign among men and joy fill their hearts."

The Christmas story marks the fullness of time, and the completion of the long preparation in history. God, who in times past communicated with mankind by means of messengers, who knew themselves as the servants to whom and by whom He revealed His Sovereign Will and Purposes, manifested Himself to His family by means of the Christ Who knew Himself to be the Son of God; and the revealer of the Fatherly Mind, Will and Heart of God.

We regain our lost childhood and our lost faith when by simple trust and in great humility we receive the Gospel message of a Heavenly Father's love; we become like little children at the bidding of Jesus and through Him we enter into the family of God and into the Kingdom of heaven. We receive the Spirit of Jesus by which we are made sons and cry in joyous recognition—our Father.

"Except ye be converted, and become like little children,"

"We would close with a further insistence upon the need for self-preparation during the Advent Season. The recovery of our lost childhood and lost faith is consequent upon the discovery of what has happened to us in the days we were outside the family of God. We must learn that we have made ourselves unworthy to be called the sons of God. That we have turned our backs upon the Father's home and wandered far into the world that knows Him not. This knowledge will fill us with humiliation. We must turn on our tracks and retrace our way to God. We shall have nothing to offer save our own disillusionment, sorrow, and repentance when we throw ourselves at the feet of the Father against whom we have sinned."

"Except ye turn," says Jesus, if we make the present season the turning point in our lives we shall find that God has turned us in Christ Jesus. That the message of Bethlehem is one of forgiveness, reconciliation, joy and peace, for us and for all men. We are assured our welcome into the Kingdom and family of God. We turn, we are converted and we become as little children. As the newly received sons of God we regain the vitality, the hope and the joy of childhood. We recover our lost sense of wonder and we marvel at the magnitude of the heavenly Father's love and the glorious privileges of our birth. We become humble as little children athirst for the knowledge of the world which become new to us, the Father's world in which His Will and Purposes are in course of realisation. Our heart hunger for God, which had been starved out of recognition, now finds its fullest satisfaction in a Father's love.

We shall be young enough to love Christmas, and to rejoice in the recovery of a lost childhood and a lost faith through Jesus Christ, His Son our Saviour. Who came to visit us in great humility and was born in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Prax Jefferson" sailed from Shanghai to-day and is due at this port at 9 a.m. on Dec. 7—on schedule.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Prax Grant" which is due at this port on Dec. 12, sailed from Seattle on Nov. 28—on schedule. The D.S.L. s.s. "Prax Harrison" which is due at this port on Jan. 6, sailed from New York on Nov. 12—on schedule. The B.F. s.s. "Atreus" left Liverpool on Nov. 29 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Dairen and is due here on or about Jan. 6.

## FALSE VALUES.

## WHAT MUSIC HALL ARTISTS REALLY EARN.

Some remarkable statements concerning the earnings of music-hall performers were made at a meeting in London of the Variety Artists' Federation.

Mr. Fred Russell said that there are about 5,000 music-hall artists in Great Britain. "Possibly a dozen of these are making more than £200 a week when working," he added. "Possibly there are two dozen who make £100 a week when in engagements."

"About 400 receive from £10 to £20 a week, but they are extremely lucky to get 25 weeks' work in a year. The average music-hall artist is lucky to make £5 a week if you spread his earnings over a year."

Agents, fees, fares, hotel expenses, "tips," costumes, and stage properties run away with a great deal of the variety artist's earnings. Among the many interesting observations made were the following:—

Mr. Harry Tate: Variety is all right; it is the variety of people running it who are not.

Mr. Milton Hayes: It would be worth trying better variety.

Mr. Talbot O'Farrell said that what is wrong with certain music-halls is the way they are managed "behind."

"There is a certain hall in the West End of London in which the star was recently given three dressing-rooms for herself and two for her accompanist. The result was that two or three of the rest of us had to share one dressing-room."

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

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MRS. D.C. PAQUETTE

Within four hours after she was married to Donald Paquette in hospital, Mrs. Paquette was a widow. Paquette's leg had been amputated by a railroad train. His fiancée was hastily summoned and the marriage ceremony performed.

## CROOKS ROB CROOK'S ADMIRER.



MISS HARRIET PHILLIPS

The latest victim of the thieves who follow society women from cabarets and rob them, has been identified as Mrs. Helen Patterson Heyworth. With five others, she was held up in her apartment, but the thieves got only one \$40 gem. Mrs. Heyworth came into international notoriety recently when she announced she was going to marry "Dapper Dan" Collins, international crook, then held in a Paris prison awaiting extradition. Collins wrote her, asking her not to make the sacrifice, but she said she loved him and would wait until he was free and marry him. At that time she was suffering from injuries sustained in falling from a Paris hotel window following a New Year's Eve party.

## The Political Race.



MRS. W.M. ADAMS

Mrs. William MacMillan Adams, of Copenhagen, Denmark, daughter of John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential candidate in New York, meeting the Democratic women district leaders, with whom she co-operated in her father's campaign.

## Overwork Death.



CLIFFORD M. HOLLAND

Just as the final shot was fired that connected the New York and New Jersey ends of the vehicular tunnel under the Hudson River, Clifford M. Holland, the chief engineer of the immense work, died at Battle Creek, of heart disease, brought on by overwork.

## Divorced.



MRS. HELEN V. BOURNE

Mrs. Helen Whitney Bourne, daughter of Mrs. Charles E. Whitney, society leader, has been granted a divorce from George Galt Bourne, son of the late Commodore Frederick G. Bourne, the financier and sportsman, from whom he inherited \$1,000,000.

## Murder Charge.



MRS. GRACE S. THOMAS & FRANK THOMAS

When the dead body of Mrs. Grace Beam Thomas was found in the mouth of an abandoned iron mine, her husband, who "bought" her for \$10 and a bottle of whisky, was placed in jail as a material witness. Before he could be formally charged with murder, he hanged himself in his cell with a pair of suspenders, and was dead when cut down.

## Not A Bolshevik.



COUNTESS KAROLYI

Despite protests from the President of the National Security League, that Countess Catherine Karolyi, wife of a former President of Hungary, is a Bolshevik and a menace to civilised institutions, the Countess, after being detained at Ellis Island immigrant station for one day, was permitted to land. She admits she is a Socialist, but denies she is Bolshevik. The Countess comes from one of Europe's oldest and wealthiest families.

## ANOTHER PRIVATE SCRAP.



FLORENCE MAXWELL

Florence Maxwell, former Vanities beauty, has had her former fiancé, Jack Duffy, of the vaudeville stage, arrested on charges of beating her. She said they met two years ago and she fell in love with him. They were happy until a month ago, when he began beating her regularly. She stood it for three weeks and then had him locked up.

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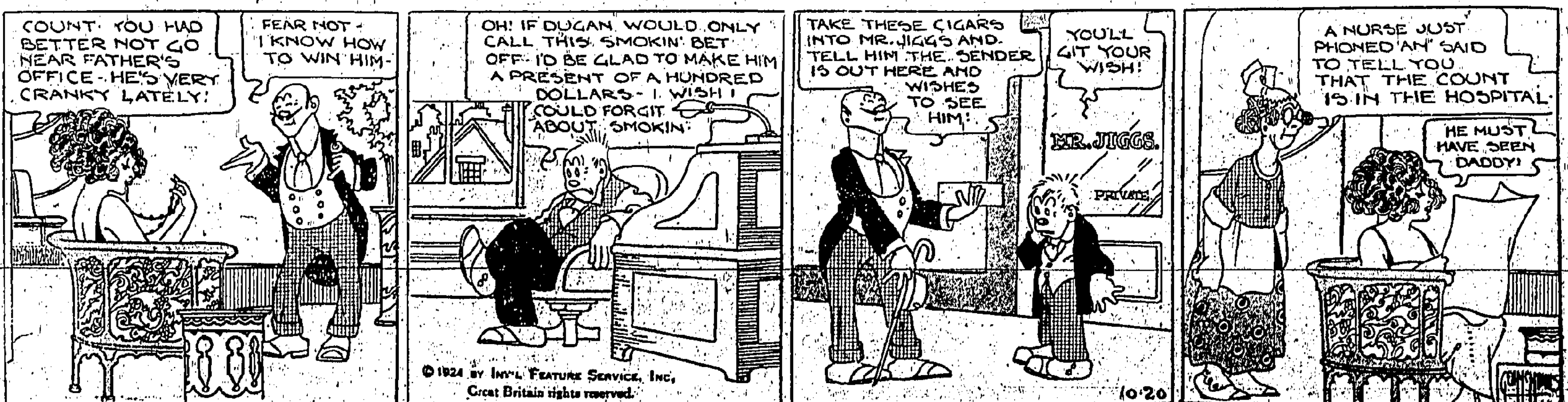
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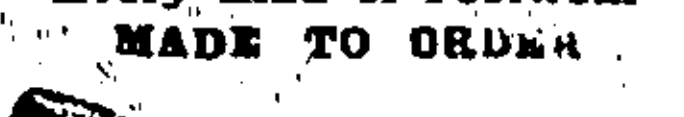
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the Hongkong Club Reserves in  
the 2nd Division League Fixture  
with the University on South  
China Ground at 2.45 p.m., to-  
morrow:—H.K.F.C.:—F. Angus; D.  
Lyon (Capt.); H. Oswald; S. O.  
Hill; R. Bell; G. Punccheon; B.  
Bell; A. Ferguson; E. Raiton; J.  
Douglas; J. Dixon.  
Reserves:—R. G. Robertson and  
C. Conway.**TEAMS FOR FIXTURES  
TO-MORROW.**The following have been  
selected to play for the Kowloon  
F.C. Reserves, in their 2nd Divi-  
sion League match versus St.  
Joseph's "A" on the Kowloon  
ground on Saturday, 6th inst.,  
kick-off 2.30 p.m.K.F.C.:—G. E. Stewart;  
W. H. Parratt; B. Rasmussen;  
A. W. Brown (Capt.); C.  
Cavella; S. Randle; D. Morris;  
A. Latham; W. H. Brown; N.  
Trambitzky; H. Duncan.  
Reserves:—F. W. T. Ross and A.  
Kirby.**CLUB v. SOUTH CHINA "B."**The following will represent the  
Hongkong Football Club in their  
League match versus South China  
"B." kick-off 4 p.m. on Club  
ground.—G. S. Rodger; W. G.  
Gerrard (capt.) and C. E. Bishop;  
A. Muir; J. Stewart and G.  
Watson; T. McE. H. G. Howard;  
G. J. Jones; F. Evelyn and W. J. S.  
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to date are as follows:**Division I.**

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
China "A"	6	5	1	0	17	2	11
Surreys	6	5	0	1	18	5	10
R. A.	7	4	0	3	12	16	8
Tamar	7	3	1	3	7	6	7
Kowloon	6	3	0	3	18	10	6
Club	7	3	0	4	13	9	6
Police	8	2	2	4	7	13	6
China "B"	7	0	0	7	3	4	0

**Division II.**

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Surreys	8	1	0	7	9	15	3
St. Joseph's "A"	6	0	0	3	10	9	12
Recreio "A"	7	5	1	1	31	2	11
Drums	8	4	1	3	17	11	9
China "A"	8	3	2	3	16	13	8
Kowloon	8	4	0	4	14	18	8
Club Res.	8	3	1	4	5	13	7
University	7	2	2	3	8	12	6
Recreio "B"	9	0	2	2	5	9	2
China "B"	9	0	2	2	5	19	6
St. Joseph's "B"	7	1	3	3	5	15	5
Sacred Heart	8	1	1	6	11	22	3

**BOXING.****WEINERT BEAT FIRPO ON  
POINTS.**Newark, N.J., November 13.—  
Charley Weinert, of Newark, out-  
pointed Luis Angel Firpo, the  
"Bull of the Pampas," last night  
in a twelve round no decision  
match, according to the opinion of  
the newspaper men at the ring-  
side. Weinert outboxed Firpo in  
every skimmish and the South  
American was badly marked.

"Bull of the Pampas"

**TENNIS.****WRETCHED WEATHER SPOILS  
U.S.R.C. FINALS.**The wretched weather yester-  
day afternoon somewhat spoiled  
the enjoyment of both players and  
spectators at the finals of the  
United Service Recreation Club  
Handicap Tennis Tournament.However, the rain did not prevent  
the tournament, being brought to  
a conclusion. Unfortunately Pay.  
Lieut.-Commander Worthington,  
through indisposition, was unable  
to take part in the final of the  
Men's Singles or partner Miss P.  
Grace in the final event.The Men's Doubles, produced a  
great game. Col. Russell Brown  
partnered by Capt. West, beating  
Capt. Oxspring and Mr. A. S.  
Hersee from the owe 15-2 mark.  
The losers received 30. The first  
set went to 11-9 and in the second  
the winners were more prominent  
and won at 6-2.Another fine match was seen in  
the final of the Ladies' Singles,  
Miss Peck (rec. 3) beating Miss  
P. Grace (owe 30) by 6-2, 2-6,  
14-12. The score speaks for**CRICKET.****M.C.C. TEAM PLAYING AN  
AUSTRALIAN XI.**

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perfect wicket—three thousand  
people attended a match in which  
an Australian eleven are opposing  
the M.C.C. The Australians scored  
290 for 5, Pondford making 81.  
Hendry 68 and O'Connor 59.**TEAMS FOR MATCHES  
TO-MORROW.**The following teams will repre-  
sent the Hongkong Cricket Club  
in their matches to-morrow:—On the Club ground, against the  
East Surrey Regiment, the team  
will be:—R. E. A. Webster (capt.),  
C. Baker, J. D. Humphreys, Col.  
E. D. Matthews, G. H. Piercy, Rev.  
T. B. Powell, Capt. R. F. Walker,  
F. N. Young, M. Maas, J. H.  
Crutch, and L. P. Ralph.**H.K.C.C. v. G.S.C.C.**At Happy Valley, the "B" team  
will be:—R. Hancock (capt.),  
A. C. I. Bowker, H. J. Armstrong,  
G. B. Hett, L. D. McNicoll, G. E.  
More, W. W. Mackenzie, D. E. G.  
Nicholson, H. Owen Hughes, E. F.  
Stewart, and A. K. Mackenzie.**H.K.C.C. v. POLICE.**At Happy Valley, against the  
Police, the H.K.C.C. team will be:  
R. Macalpine (capt.), M. M.  
Watson, H. Griffin, H. M. Howell,  
G. R. Vallack, J. P. Bridger, H. J.  
Stevenson, C. T. Fowle, R. K.  
Heppburn, H. Spicer, and J. R.  
Way.The complete scores are  
given below.After the matches Mrs. Russell  
Brown kindly presented the prizes.  
In introducing her, Major Green-  
wood commented on the excellent  
games seen and on the splendid  
handicapping that had resulted in  
such fine games.Details.—  
Men's Doubles (final).—Colonel  
Russell Brown and Capt. West  
(owe 15-2) beat Capt. Oxspring  
and Mr. A. S. Hersee 11-9, 6-2.  
Men's Singles.—Rev. N. Evan  
(rec. 15.1) w.o. Lieut.-Comm.  
Worthington (owe 40) scr.Ladies' Singles.—Miss Peck  
(rec. 3) beat Miss P. Grace (owe  
30), 6-2, 2-6, 14-12.  
Ladies' Doubles.—Mrs. Ross  
and Mrs. Wodehouse (rec. 15.4)  
beat Lady Stuart Taylor and Miss  
P. Grace (owe 30), 7-5, 6-4.**THE  
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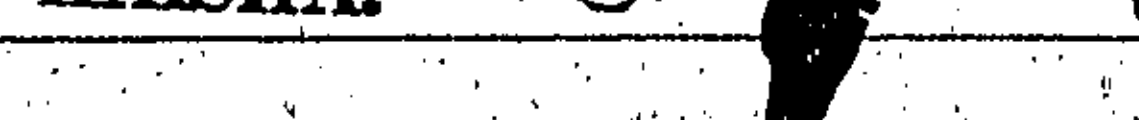
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## WEATHER REPORT.

December 5d. 11h. 20m. Pressure has increased moderately at Chefoo and has decreased moderately to slightly at the majority of other reporting stations. The anticyclone has strengthened slightly.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China. The conditions in the China Sea are uncertain.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.27 inch. Total since January 1st, 98.49 inches, against an average of 82.18 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 6, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N. winds, strong.  
2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooks, N. winds, strong.  
3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N. winds, fresh; fair.  
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, N. winds, fresh; fair.

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## DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 5, 1924.—Sun.

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